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Memorandum for the Record

Subject: Senior Review Panel Meeting with Staff Members
of the HPSCI Evaluation Subcommittee

1. On 16 May 1979 the Senior Review Panel met with Dick Giza and Diane Lavoy, staff members of the House Permanent Select Committee for Intelligence, Evaluation Subcommittee.

[redacted] of the Congressional Support Staff and [redacted]
[redacted] of OLC also were present.

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2. The staff members began the meeting by explaining their own subcommittee. They had begun their own effort to evaluate the CIA's analytical performance by selecting various agency products at random. They talked to the authors of these products and to the various consumers for which they were intended, trying to get a feel for how they were produced and how they were viewed by the consumer. They had divided NFAC into major areas of interest, with Dick taking OSR, OWI, and OSI and Diane taking OPA, OER, and OGCR. They also had talked with various NIOs and Office Directors. In addition to looking at NFAC products, they had examined the Intelligence Community performance in the few crisis situations, such as Iran. They explained that many of their associate staffers had come from the Intelligence Community, and that they had many sources of information inside the Community.

3. The staffers said that their main concern was to examine Intelligence Community resources as compared to consumer needs. They admitted that there could be too much demand for intelligence, in which case there was a need for establishing priorities for resource allocation. They thought the DCI had a key role in determining resource allocation, and spoke of the North Korean OB problem as an example of their efforts to determine resource allocation and Community performance. There was some discussion of this issue.

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4. The staffers asked the members of the Panel their views of what they wished to accomplish- and were then asked in turn what they thought the Panel could achieve. Diane basically stated that the SRP should seek to improve the analytic product of the Community, while Dick stated that they should think in terms of a wider Community role, attempting to improve overall resource allocation and performance while not becoming too closely identified with the DIA.

5. The meeting ended with the SRP and the staffers agreeing that the session had been useful and that the SRP would be available to the Committee and the staff whenever requested.


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